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In re Patent Application of:
Shyh-Haur SU et al.

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Examiner: Anh T. N. VO

For: MULTI-REAGENT INKJET CARTRIDGE

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
MAILED FEBRUARY 4, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants recently received a Notice of Allowance mailed June 6, 2005. In this Notice, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has asserted that the pending claims are claims 1-18 as originally filed on December 12, 2001. However, Applicants' previous submission, entitled "Preliminary Amendment" (copy enclosed as Exhibit A), was never acted upon by the USPTO despite being properly sent and received by the USPTO.

In the Preliminary Amendment mailed February 4, 2002, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14, and 15 were amended and claims 19 and 20 were added. Applicants filed the Preliminary Amendment on February 4, 2002 with an Express Mail Certificate, in an envelope properly addressed and mailed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231. The Preliminary Amendment was received in the USPTO on February 4, 2002, as evidenced by the return postcard (copy enclosed as Exhibit B).

The first action by the Examiner in regards to the present application was the allowance of the claims in the Notice of Allowance mailed June 6, 2005. Therefore, since the Preliminary Amendment was mailed before June 6, 2005, the Preliminary Amendment was timely submitted.

Applicants thank Examiner Vo for all of the courtesies extended in the telephone interview held on June 17, 2005, with Denise L. Poy. Examiner Vo stated that she did not receive a copy of the Preliminary Amendment dated February 4, 2002 and confirmed that it was not entered into the USPTO's computer system. Per the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants are presenting the present Request for Entry of the Preliminary Amendment.

Hence, the Preliminary Amendment dated February 4, 2002 was timely submitted, and due to no fault by the Applicants, the Preliminary Amendment was not delivered to the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the enclosed Preliminary Amendment, which was received by the USPTO on February 4, 2002. Since this paper merely requests entry of what has previously been submitted, no fee is due. If for some reason, fees or charges are due in connection with the above-identified matter, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Dated: July 19, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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